shortage and that Government's austerity measures, lengthy recruitment procedures and the need for multiple clearances are some of the factors responsible for the same;

(b) if so, the other main reasons put forward by the CBI on its working; and

(c) whether Government have considered them and have agreed to implement the suggestions made by the CBI to improve its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As against the sanctioned strength of 5959 in the CBI, the number of vacant posts is 1341. Occurrence of vacancies and their filling up on the basis of provisions of relevant Recruitment Rules is an ongoing process. With effective use and deployment of existing personnel, the vacancies have, however, not affected the performance of the CBI adversely.

(c) In order to attract officers to come on deputation to the CBI, the Government has approved grant of a Special Incentive Allowance to all the executive officers from Constable to Director level in the CBI. The Recruitment Rules of various posts are also amended from time to time to ensure that vacancies are filled up speedily.

Filing of closure report by CBI

2548. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases where in CBI has filed closure reports in courts during the last three years indicating the reasons for the same;

(b) under which circumstances the CBI files closure reports; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to review all such closure reports filed by the CBI in courts;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) In respect of the total number of 3616 cases registered by the CBI in the last three years, closure reports have been filed in 423 cases only.

The CBI files closure report in cases where inter-alia, there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations sanction for prosecution has been refused or the accused has died.

(c) and (d) The CBI files closure report in the concerned jurisdictional courts after scrutinizing the evidence collected during investigation and on the basis of the opinion of the law officers. The decision on closure reports is taken by the Courts on merit. As such, there is no proposal to review the closure reports.